

Tidy Towns Competition 2005

Adjudication Report

Centre: **Anacarty**

Ref: **586**

County: **Tipperary South**

Mark: **207**

Category: **A**

Date: **23/06/2005**

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 2005	Mark Awarded 2004
Overall Developmental Approach	50	33	33
The Built Environment	40	27	26
Landscaping	40	28	28
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	17	17
Litter Control	40	31	31
Tidiness	20	16	16
Residential Areas	30	20	19
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	29	28
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	207	204

Overall Developmental Approach:

Anacarty Tidy Town Committees plan seems clear and achievable - with very direct and clear cut aims. However, you should set a timeframe against the achievement of these. Your work in relation to new footpaths on the Cappawhite Road is to be commended, as is your fund raising table quiz.

The Built Environment:

The new school was well underway on adjudication day, in fact nearing completion with windows installed etc! Kate's looked fresh although there is scope for possible landscaping project in this area. The church and grounds looked well with the pots filled with flowers outside and the ivy clad wall opposite - where the new planting is noted. The grotto was neatly presented. This area including the grotto was presented extremely neatly. The charming village hall looked very well as did the GAA clubhouse. The Tower House is a magnificent asset to the village.

Landscaping:

The village pump had been freshly painted and was simply presented. Work was noted on approach roads, in terms of planting at nameplates and the monument was simply presented at the crossroads. Is access possible to the Tower House or is this in private ownership?

Wildlife and Natural Amenities:

Your work in relation to the replacement of the bird box near the shop was noted. Have you considered involving the local school in some projects? Do consult your Tidy Towns Handbook for ideas and approach the school with the objective of perhaps one committee member working with the teachers on potential projects. This is a scheme that has worked well in other centres.

Litter Control:

Litter control on the day could have been better for a village of Annacarty's size. Some litter was apparent outside the school, on the Dundrum Road, by the Hall and plastic bags were evident on the road by the church.

Tidiness:

The village generally had a quite neat and ordered appearance. The recycling area was quite neat although you could consider a potential landscaping project in this area in order to perhaps integrate them more subtly into their environment. There is a new prize for this in the competition which you should maybe consider as a possible project for next year's competition.

Residential Areas:

A grubby boundary wall on the Cappawhite Road created a bad impression. Work was noted to an attractive house near the village centre. The tin roof of the cottage beside the GAA pitch should be repainted in its traditional red or green colour. The adjudicator looks forward to seeing the six new houses proposed for the Cappawhite Road and hopes that these will be suitable to the character and nature of the village.

Roads, Streets and Back Areas:

Along the Cappawhite Road, the planted bed at the village nameplate was admired. Do ensure that trees are cut back around signage to ensure that it's legible - it could barely be seen on adjudication day. The adjudicator did consider that this might be due to the construction work taking place at the school. The Dundrum Road as fine, with a good clear view to the Tower House. However, dead grass should be removed - it wasn't clear whether this was due to spraying or grass having been cut and not removed. The Donohill Road was fine.

General Impression:

Annacarty is a most interesting village with a wealth of historical significance. It is undergoing a time of development and change and hopefully this will not detract from its unique and distinct character.